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Dear Sol:

I can't send you any lecture notes, because I don't have them. Enclosed is a rough outline of the material covered and how long the items took. The course was offered primarily to the bacteriology and biochemistry majors, and did not have a genetics prerequisite. Most of the students were Second Year graduates, but the first year students did not do badly, and there were a couple of undergraduates. I would exclude the latter, however, unless they have had genetics.

The 1946 GSH symposium was used as a text, not too successfully. The students were expected to have read the attached bibliography, but there was a lot of difficulty making the papers adequately available. A proposed project to reprint some of these in a collected volume is rather far along, with the UW press, and if all goes well it should be available next Spring. You will probably receive a questionnaire letter from the UW Press fairly soon. I have wondered what work of yours might be included appropriately, but haven't thought it through sufficient to ask you. But we might as well take this opportunity to raise the question. Would you consider approving a republication of your paper with the Lindegrens on melibiosylase? Although the findings are now controversial, the paper expresses the viewpoint rather well. If you care to, you might also suggest a brief recent paper, if appropriate, to present any corrections, in your current outlook. I will also have to consult Carl, which will be an even more difficult problem, especially as his book is still in print. [Have you bought a copy yet?]

Sonneborn gave a rather extensive course at Indiana, and can probably help you better than I can.

As you can see, the major emphasis in my course was on gene transmission, and you will probably be more interested in expanding gene action.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg